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PROMOTION OFFICES AND TO US COMPANIES

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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT/EARLY WARNING: TELEPHONE EXCHANGES, CABLE
AND WIRELESS LINKS.

1. PRIVATE IRAQI SOURCES INFORM USINT THAT GOI PLANS TO
INVEST 185 MILLION DOLLARS DURING ITS STILL UNANNOUNCED
1976-80 DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION
OF 100 AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGES AND FOR CABLE AND
WIRELESS LIKS BETWEEN THESE AND EXISTING TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.
DIRECT INQUIRIES TO REGISTERED PARTIES AND/OR TENDER
CALLS MAY BE FLOATED BY GOI EVEN BEFORE FIVE YEAR PLAN IS OFFICIAL-
LY ANNOUNCED, PERHAPS IN DECEMBER, 1976.

2. THE 100 TELEPHONE EXCHANGES WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 224,650
LINES LOCATED BOTH IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS, AND AT ESTIMATED
COST OF 88 MILLION DOLLARS. IRAQ IS PRESENTLY USING
STROWGER STEP-BY-STEP AND CROSSBAR PENTACONTA EXCHANGES.
GOI WANT NEW ONES TO BE CROSSBAR ELECTRONIC EXCHANGES.

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MOST LIKELY PROSTPECTIVE SUPPLIERS WOULD BE THE US AND

JAPANESE FIRMS.

3. CABLES (ESTIMATED COST 87 MILLION DOLLARS) TO LINK THE PROPOSED AND EXISTING TELEPHONE EXCHANGES ARE ALSO PLANNED. IN THE PAST SUCH CABLES HAVE BEEN IMPORTED FROM L.M. IRICSSON (SWEDEN) AND SUMITOMO (JAPAN).

4. THE GOI PLANS TO INVEST 10 MILLION DOLLARS IN 43 WIRELESS LINKS BETWEEN NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES AND PROVINCIAL (GOVERNORATE) CENTERS.

5. INTERESTED FIRMS SHOULD SEND LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION INCLUDING GENERAL PROCHURES TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES REQUESTING THAT THE INQUIRIES/TENDERS MAY BE REFERRED TO THEM: (1) MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, BAGHDAD, IRAQ: (2) STATE ORGANIZATION FOR POST, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONES, SHORJAH, BAGHDAD: (3) STATE ESTABLISHMENT FOR TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONES, SHORJAH, BAGHDAD: AND (4) COAXIAL CABLES AUTHORITY, AL-MANSOUR, BAGHDAD.

6. COPIES OF LETTERS SHOULD ALSO BE SENT TO USINT BAGHDAD.

7. COMMENT: THIS IS INDICATION THAT GOI "HOLD" ON MAJOR PROJECTS MAY BE BREAKING.
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